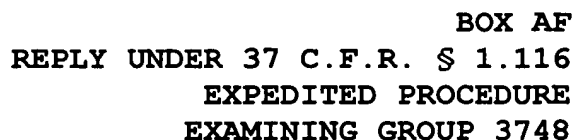


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**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 18, has been amended as follows:

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-In an oxygen excessive atmosphere (lean atmosphere), O<sub>2</sub> is initially adsorbed onto the surface of platinum (Pt), and NO in the exhaust gas reacts with O<sub>2</sub> on the surface of the platinum (Pt), to produce NO<sub>2</sub> (2NO + O<sub>2</sub> = 2NO<sub>2</sub>), as shown in Fig. 3(b).-